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YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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SPORTS AMONG DISABLED
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of differently abled sportspersons of national and international level in the country;

(b) the details of the schemes formulated to promote sports among differently abled sportspersons along with the amount allocated and spent for them during each of the last three years and the current year and the reasons in case the amount remained unutilized;

(c) the details of the training centres and stadium set up for the said sportspersons and the sporting events organized at national level during the said period, State/UT and sports discipline-wise;

(d) whether the Government provides funds to these sportspersons to purchase sports equipments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (e) Madam, development and promotion of various disciplines of sports including organizing National/International championships and participation of disabled sportspersons in various championships is the responsibility of the relevant National Sports Federations (NSFs). Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), Special Olympic Bharat (SOB) and All India Sports Council of the Deaf (AISCD) which are autonomous in their functioning are responsible for promotion of sport among the physically challenged, differently abled and deaf sportspersons respectively. While Government provides financial assistance to these sportspersons for participation in international competitions abroad, organizing national championships every year in the senior, junior and sub-junior categories, international championships in India, conducting coaching camps, purchase of equipments, engagement of foreign coaches etc under the Scheme of "Assistance to National Sports Federations", the information regarding total number of such sportspersons is not maintained. The details of financial assistance given to PCI, SOB and for deaf athletes under the aforesaid scheme during the last three years and current year is as below:-

S.No.	Name of the Federation	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-15 (upto December 2014)
1.	Paralympic Committee of India	13.38	175.46	143.40	196.03
2.	Special Olympic Bharat	285.89	69.28	274.51	19.16
3.	Deaf Athletes	75.82	59.07	87.49	3.02

'Sports' is a State subject and therefore, it is primarily the responsibility of State Governments to provide sports facilities including stadia for the sportspersons and sporting events. Although SAI does not have exclusive training centres and stadia for differently-abled sportspersons, its training centres and stadia in various parts of the country are available for training of such sportspersons.